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Truman Rejects Stalin's Bid for New Conference

By John G. Wright

It was clear from the outset that the Czech events were intimately connected with the intensified "cold war" between Washington and Moscow. Now the destruction of the regime itself.

There is little reason to dismiss

this as journalistic phrasemonger-

What such talk and such moods

fitted into the Nazis plans.

bomb to destroy you."

Truman, Big Brass Plot to Impose

The iron boot of militarist that the Security Advisory Board of partment." The "MacArthur pre-

censorship and suppression is the State Department-Army-Navy- cedent," says Baldwin, "has now

plans of the military authorities for formation that might cause 'serious Saudi Arabia, "learned that King

Such censorship, Baldwin points

tion by rewording some of the

cruder formulas. But it still de-

"to protect Government officials

ernment officials, particularly some suppression now being practiced tion Week, a McGraw-Hill publi-

in the National Military Establish- He cites, for instance, the repeated cation, has been grilled repeatedly

ment, to control the military, semi- complaints of censorship of corres- by FBI agents for publishing a

military and even politico-military pondents in Japan by Gen. Douglas story, well-known outside of Air

cials "are plainly impatient with reaccredit to his command area the a captured Nazi design. The Rus-

devise some system by which the Pakenham, because he showed so anything Aviation Week pub-

This pressure, he adds, "has also can policy and American personnel What is serious about this case,

press could be better 'controlled'." "marked antipathy toward Ameri- lished was not news to them.

There have been "months of be- tem of "classified" information, re- the war in Nazi Germany."

poised over freedom of the Air Force Coordinating Committee been extended to Europe."

control of the press that even some administrative embarrassment'."

In a four-article series entitled out, could "provide a cloak to hide"

"The Problem of Secrecy" (N. Y. any inefficient and even criminal

Times, March 3, 5, 6 and 7), Han- conduct of government and mili-

son W. Baldwin, commentator on tary officials, such as the case of

reveals that suppression of news, Protest against this proposal was

intimidation and harassment of re- | "so vocal" that the Security Advis-

porters and publishers, and censor- ory Board revised its definition of

ship for alleged "military security" "classified" and "secret" informa-

and the Truman administration are that would cause "unwarranted in-

building up a system of news cen- jury to an individual." This, says

sorship that would in a short time Baldwin, could obviously be used

hind-the-scenes discussions and ports Baldwin, there are many

considerable pressure by some Gov- other methods of censorship and

felt about the military threat to to threats and grilling; the home of

from criticism."

military affairs for the N. Y. Times, Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Meyers.

. | press freedom, says Baldwin, was one man was searched by

last Fall "when it became known Army's Criminal Investigation De-

had proposed to 'classify' and to A United Press correspondent,

country."

In addition to the extensive sys- was practiced extensively before

Militarist Censorship on Press

tion in Greece.

new evidence has been made "U. S. now is committed to a policy public which throws additional and of attempting to upset the existing alarming light on the progress of Russian regime by means short of the "cold war" and its connection shooting war." with what is transpiring in Czecho-

There have been rumors for some ing. Thus far there has been no time that the Kremlin had made a sign of willingness on Washington's direct bid to Washington for an- part to give an inch. In pursuit of other deal and that these "peace their line the Wall Street warmakfeelers" had been flatly rejected. ers have been dragging this coun-This is now authenticated by such try into one adventure after anauthoritative business periodicals other, as witness their determinaas the weekly United States News tion to step up military intervenand Business Week.

According to the March 5 U.S. The fact that previous moves News, Stalin's offer to meet with have brought little results (as in Truman was made "late in Janu- Greece and China) has only tended ary." Despite official denials of to increase loose talk of "action" any such offer, this article goes on not only by means of dollar "aid" to say flatly: "The fact is that but through military "assistance" of the proposal was brought to Wash- one type or another. ington and turned down."

The March 6 Business Week cor- imply hardly needs any comment. roborates this by an equally cate- This situation, obviously, cannot be goric assertion that "official Wash- prolonged indefinitely. There are ington — and that means the State only two possibilities in the situa-Department and the military - has tion: war or - another deal. brushed aside Russia's January TEMPORARY DEAL peace feelers."

Stalin's Czech coup is thus directly linked to this rejection by Washington of his overtures.

What this sensational evidence highlights is the determination by Wall Street to force matters to a showdown. The U.S. News goes so far as to say that the official policy inal borders, but actually involves



GLEN TAYLOR Senator from Idaho and Henry mate, who favors kicking the Staliobs. (See article by John F. Pet-

By Art Preis

press in America.

publishers are alarmed:

is already far advanced.

COMPLETE BLACKOUT

not want published.

impose a complete blackout on any

information or criticism they did

information published in this coun- MacArthur.

Minneapolis Teachers Still Out



As the strike by Minneapolis members of the American Federation of Teachers went into its second week, pupils pitched in on the picketlines to help their teachers. This youngster hands out coffee and doughnuts as well as good cheer.

Electric, Meat and Steel Trusts Attack Third-Round Wage Demands

aggressive policy, is certainly not policy toward CIO demands for ary." excluded. The Kremlin is anxious third-round wage increases.

for such a deal, as attested by its General Electric, biggest corpor- OK's PRICE BOOST January proposals. On the other ation in the electrical goods indushand, Wall Street's war plans do try, on March 3 opened negotiations are "too small and unimportant" to and making demands without, re- tions in that state are being colnot exclude the possibility of a with the CIO United Electrical he inflationary, but any wage innew deal with the Kremlin. A tem- Workers by formally announcing it crease would be and he was against the other CIO unions. goes beyond any plans merely to hurl back the Kremlin to its original borders but actually involves with the Kremlin. A tent would grant no wage boosts. GE, which made \$1 profit for every \$3 any third-round wage boosts. Homer which made \$1 profit for every \$3 said he "saw no justification for any as Hitler's pact with Stalin in 1939 of its net worth in 1947, said any wage increases." wage increases would be "inflation-

The effects of such a deal would ary."

make themselves felt most imme- THUMBS DOWN still another one of their countless trust, whose prices have gone up flip-flops. They would drop their several hundred percent since 1939. current mask of opposition to The "Big Four" of the meat indus-'American imperialism." They try—Armour, Swift, Wilson and would drop Wallace like a hot potato. Cudahy—have turned thumbs down They would start beating the drums on CIO Packinghouse Workers' deonce again for the preservation of mands, already reduced by un "unity" among all "progressive ficials from an original request for

forces," and throw their support a 29-cent an hour raise to 19 cents without reservations behind any deal After two months of fruitless nethat Stalin may be able to reach gotiations, some 100,000 CIO packwith the U. S. State Department. | inghouse workers are scheduled to In connection with these new go on strike throughout the country revelations, it is interesting to re- on March 16.

call Churchill's recent speech where Now the steel moguls-falsely ruhe proposed that a final meeting mored as ready to raise wages on the be held with Stalin at which time basis of their monumental profits Wallace's third party running Anglo-American imperialism would and a new price boost-have swung deliver an ultimatum: "Either ac- an axe on the wage aspirations of inists out of certain government | cept our terms along these and the CIO steel workers a month in these lines, or we will use the atom advance of negotiations.

> Ibn Saud, with the full cooperation, and perhaps at the instigation of

the United States Army, State De-

partment and oil company officials,

had banned all American news-

paper correspondents from his

In another case, an interview

published in the Chicago Tribune.

that wire communications are sup-

posed to be inviolable," says Bald-

win. He adds: "This sort of 'cen-

sorship by surveillance' or by threat

Robert H. Wood, editor of Avia-

(Continued on Page 4)

GRILLED BY FBI

'Obviously, some Army source read

Benjamin Fairless, head of U. S.

America's most powerful Steel, and Arthur B. Homer, presi- into no agreement or understanding, corporations, their coffers dent of Bethlehem Steel, on March private or otherwise, to grant fur-2 told the Joint Congressional Econ- ther wage increases to its employes." bursting with profits and their omic Committee investigating the A temporary deal with the Krem- prices hitting the stratosphere, are latest steel price boost that further

And just to scotch the rumor that's been going around-with not March 4 published full page newspaper ads which flatly stated:

"United States Steel has entered wage demands.



GEN. EISENHOWER

Brass hat in civilian clothing, who is being pushed by one wing of the Democratic top command to replace Truman as presidential candidate. CIO leaders are also

Against this mobilization of the cal pretexts by the bi-partisan cocorporations and their united re- alition of Republicans and Demolin, despite Washington's openly adopting an arrogant "get tough" wage increases would be "inflation-sistence to wage increases, the CIO crats to bar minority parties from wage front is today in a state of the ballot. bad disorganization.

Every international union is out pels the SWP to appear on the Fairless said the steel price rises for itself, conducting negotiations ballot under another name, peti-

Murray, who should be setting the state campaign manager. example of a fighting policy, have announced their capitulation in advance. Murray has proclaimed the for volunteers to assist in the cola little "off-the-record" help from union will not strike under any cirdiately on the domestic political A similar hard-boiled stand is be- Philip Murray's lieutenants in the cumstances and has literally placed information, contact the SWP of- America, withdrew today from the both parties who were present voted scene. The Stalinists would execute ing taken by the meat-packing CIO Steel workers—U. S. Steel on the union at the mercy of the corporations. The steel union leaders troit and at 215 E. Ninth St., in This assures the nomination of an for them is a bi-partisan coalition have not even announced specific Flint.

to a single, effective fighting front

General Electric, U. S. Steel, Ar-

manner in which the CIO leaders liam E. Bohannan for Congress candidates. For the Senate it is poll taxers. are proceeding in the wage drive from the 11th District. inspires no confidence whatsoever. and less than that. A successful unions being swiftly consolidated in-

mour, General Motors and the other corporate giants aren't getting Negro Widow, Two Sons "soft"-contrary to the impression being given by the union leaders. Only a militant program of united CIO action will wrest substantial third-round wage increases from the reported to be backing this move. penny-pinching profiteers.

with a unified strategy.

WITH OUSTER OF BRIDGES

ray-Reuther and the Stalinist machines over the Marshall Plan

ever closer to the danger of split. CIO President Philip Murray has followed through on his threat Nazis in Frankfurt, was subject to to purge non-supporters of his policies by ousting Harry Bridges. CIO pointive post as CIO regional direc-

This is only the beginning of similar reprisals against Stalinists from coast to coast, according to Allen S. Haywood, CIO Director of Organization

than positive declarations in favor of the Marshall Plan and the twoparty system as the price of imfrom the bureaucratic munity purge. Even "neutrality" will not be tolerated.

Force circles, about the super-sonic try," Baldwin reports. These offi- Recently, MacArthur refused to speed of the Bell XS-1, modeled on intervention and "reorganization" the New York City, Newark, Los public criticism and would like to Newsweek correspondent, Compton sians had also captured the design, Angeles, San Francisco and Cali- questions of the Marshall Plan and are controlled by the Stalinists.

in the occupation zone." Some cor- Baldwin points out, is that the Air ALREADY SPLIT

Angeles CIO councils wide open, aged by the Murray machine setthe regular councils.

machine will demand nothing less CIO Council supports the ALP, Ed Stratford. Enraged, Stratford was won, and there is still time to which is backing Wallace. -

port of the imperialistic Marshall while had gone to bring back the tests are needed, to show the Geor-Murray's attempt to impose sup-Plan and opposition to any third party on the CIO is directly in-He specifically cited as targets for spired by the State Department and Truman. The CIO members have never been consulted on the fornia CIO councils. All of them political action. The Stalinists, for their part, have followed an irresponsible and adventuristic course in attempting to drag unions under | HELD THREE MONTHS The first "considerable anxiety" respondents "have been subjected Force secured the aid of the De- Murray's purge moves and threats their control into the Wallace Mrs. Ingram sent for the sheriff,

BOTH PARTIES OKAY JIM CROW IN EMPLOYMENT

WILLIAM E. BOHANNAN

Socialist Workers Party candi-

date for Congress from the 11th

Meanwhile the Wallace movement.

Fortunately, a stay of execution

Funds to handle the appeal and

dren are also urgently required.

They should be sent to the NAACP,

District in New Jersey.

SWP Files Petitions in N. J., Congress Kills Anti-Bias Clause Two More States Begin Drive On Jobs, Schools

MARCH 10 - The Socialist Workers Party presidential campaign has reached the action stage. New Jersey has already

in Trenton filed its nominating netitions for Farrell Dobbs and Grace Carlson, nominees of the SWP National Committee for president and vice-president. Campaign workers are now in the field throughout Pennsylvania, collecting petitions on street corners, in front of factory gates and in houseto-house canvassing. And in Michigan the first mass mobilization for gathering signatures is slated to swing into gear at the end of this

gone over the top and this week

Close to 8,000 signatures are needed in Pennsylvania by April 6, and almost 9,000 in Michigan by May 2. In both these states a greater number than the legal minimum must be obtained as a safeguard against trumped-up techni-

Since the Pennsylvania law comlected under the name of Militant Driscoll, notorious for his attempts A majority of the members of Workers Party. Irene P. Lecompte to break the telephone strike last both parties in the House delib-The steel union leaders, headed by of Philadelphia has been chosen as year, is creating a scandal by his erately stayed away from the dis-

In Michigan the SWP issued an obedient Wall Street servant, State to vote on the amendment. The appeal to readers of The Militant Treasurer R. C. Hendrickson. lection of petitions. For further fices at 6108 Linwood Ave., in De- Democratic Senate primary fight. against the amendment. The name

NEW JERSEY TOPS QUOTA

Jersey Socialist Workers Party yes- would support Alexander replied: promises about "civil rights." As terday filed with the Secretary of "Not enthusiastically." the Packinghouse Workers that is State almost twice the necessary forced to strike can expect little number of signatures for Farrell largely controlled by the Stalinists fancier. help from the top CIO leaders and Dobbs and Grace Carlson, and for in this state, has constituted itself

Next to the presidential contest, named James Imbrie. If there is no drastic revision in the U.S. Senate campaign is at- And although they have the the CIO leaders' wage policies, the tracting the most attention in this strength to easily run candidates CIO workers are going to end up the state. The incumbent reactionary for the House of Representatives wage campaign with mere crumbs Republican, Albert Hawkes, has from all of the state's 14 districts, been forced to withdraw from the the Wallaceites have filed for only wage drive depends on the CIO race by pressure from the state GOP ten of these. They apparently in-

> The primary has shown the GOP publican candidates in the other to be no less boss-dominated than four districts.

mass support and indignation that

can be mobilized by their friends

Mrs. Ingram is a Negro widow

and the mother of 12 children, the

Last November Mrs. Ingram's

Stratford struck her with the butt

defense. In the struggle that fol-

head, a blow from which he died.

Lee, 14, and Wallace, 17, ran to her ington.

who arrested her and four of her Page 4.)

with him not to kill them.

and sympathizers.

Face Georgia Death Chair

a request for a new trial is sched- had no counsel until the day of the

uled to be heard on March 20. trial. The lawyer appointed by the

sons remain in jail, dependent for to gather witnesses, or even to prop-

wound. Two of her sons, Sammie gia and President Truman in Wash-

lowed, Stratford was struck on the care for the destitute Ingram chil-

their very lives on the amount of erly question his clients.



tives on March 8, they showed their true colors. By a vote of 119 to 40, both capitalist parties got together to kill a proposal to withhold federal aid to states which deny equal job and educational opportunities to all In killing this amendment to Labor Department-Federal Security Agency appropriations bill, they in effect gave a slap in the face to

the Negroes, Jews and other mi-

norities in this country. They told us in unmistakable language that they refuse to stop discrimination in employment and in the schools. If it depends or them, our children and our children's children too will be denied decent education and jobs merely on account of their color or religion the local Hague machine. Governor THEY ARE OUR ENEMIES

frenzied efforts on behalf of an cussion so that they would not have name for that is hypocrisy, no

Dr. Frank Kingden, former chair- friendship. A majority of the members of man of the Progressive Citizens of obscure Hague hack, A. S. Alexan- to perpetuate Jim Crow.

Action speaks louder than words der. Kingdon criticized Hague's NEWARK, March 10 - The New "bungling" and when asked if he Both parties are making lavish the election campaign develops, their promises will get wilder an

But when the time came for ac the big unions like the steel work- its local candidates — George as the Independent Progressive tion on March 8, both parties were ers. The half-hearted, spineless Breitman for U. S. Senate and Wil- Party and picked its slate of 1948 in the same corner as the Southern running a retired investment banker

HYPOCRITICAL "FRIENDS" Where was Truman, what was he doing on this crucial occasion?

He was holding a conference with his Democratic cronies, announcing that he was going to run as a presidential candidate and that he had not changed his position on the civil rights question.

tend to support the Hague or Re-What an unholy farce! Here h was, giving lip service to civil rights at the very same moment that his party was knifing it in the back in Congress. Instead of leading a fight on the question of this important amendment - the way he did for the passage of the Truman Doctrine, for example - he was Labor and Negro groups sons. The five members of the getting off some vague generalities throughout the country are family were taken to different jails, that don't amount to a row of beam denied the right to consult lawyers, in the real fight against Jim Crow.

Where was Taft, the real boss of were held without bail or trial for the Republicans in Washington He preferred to keep mum. So did It was a clear case of self-defense, Dewey and Stassen and the rest of chair in one of the most dastardly but in the South the law does not the GOP bosses. They all want the cases of lynch law in American his- tolerate Negroes lifting their hands Negro vote, but not if it means against white men, even when it is fighting against Jim Crow when A stay of execution, originally set for the purpose of defense against and where it really counts. for Feb. 27, has been granted, and unprovoked attack. The Ingrams A THING TO REMEMBER

This incident in Congress is good thing for Negroes and other Meanwhile, Mrs. Ingram and her court to defend them had no chance minorities to bear in mind as election day approaches.

It proves once again that the No Negro was permitted to serve | Negro people can expect nothing on the jury. This mockery of a but double-crosses from the capi-

trial took only one day. The con- talist parties. clusion was inevitable—Mrs. Ingram It emphasizes the need for the

and her two sons were sentenced to Negro people to get together with to electrocuted by Judge W. H. Har- their real allies - the white workper of the Superior Court of Schley ers - and to build a party that County, the same man who will rule will run independent labor and on their appeal for a new trial on Negro candidates determined to put an end to Jim Crow wherever exists.

> TIME FOR ACTION No messiah is going to lead th

Negro people into the promise took a rifle and started out to kill save the Ingrams. The case is being land. Nobody will help the Negroe the animals. Mrs. Ingram mean- handled by the NAACP. Mass proif they don't help themselves. The animals, and she naturally pleaded gia courts that the American people way to make progress is by fighting will not tolerate this crime. They for it — on picket lines, in the should be sent without delay to plants, at the ballot box. The Socialist Workers Party has of his rifle, inflicting a bloody Governor M. E. Thompson of Geor-

entered the 1948 campaign in order to advance that struggle. Our program calls for ending the horrible capitalist system that breeds was hunger and discrimination.

If you want to help this fight, 20 West 40th St., New York 18, N. Y. if you want to strike a blow for (See article by Albert Parker on socialism and equality, then your place is at the side of the SWP.

MURRAY PUSHES CIO PURGE So drastic and far-reaching are ban from public disclosure even in- Robert Miller, who recently visited

New developments in the bitter conflict between the Mur-

with Charles F. Wennerstrum, who presided over the recent trial of harsh attack before it was even longshoremen's head, from his ap-He discloses that the Big Brass fines as "secret" any information the dispatch before or during its tor for Northern California. transmission . . . despite the fact

Haywood declared the Murray

against elective CIO bodies which camp.

movement is bringing the CIO do not conform to his policies have with right-wing minorities encourting up dual organizations outside In New York state, the right-

wing controlled State CIO Council youngest of whom is 11/2 years old. on March 2 set up a state-wide Her husband died last year, leaving Political Action Committee with the the impoverished family no way to express purpose of opposing the live except by sharecropping. American Labor Party, now entirely in Stalinist hands. The new PAC pigs rooted under the fence dividgroup will concentrate on New York ing the farm on which she worked STILL TIME City where the Greater New York from that of a white neighbor, John

rallying to the aid of Mrs. and given the third degree. They Rosa Lee Ingram and her two teenage sons, who have been sentenced three months. to death in the Georgia electric

Southern Revolt Sharpens Democratic Party C

By George Breitman

The Democratic Party today is like a ship in a storm that has already sprung one bad leak, is on the verge of springing others and never will be the same, even if it should succeed in reaching port. In fact, we may be witnessing the beginning of the end of its power as a major national

This capitalist party has suffered from internal dissension, conflicts and crises since at least the end of the Civil War. That is natural, because it has appealed to and won the support of diverse and even antagonistic groups. But never before in its modern history has it been hit simultaneously by serious disaffection from its extreme tendencies on both sides.

One section has already split off from the party, and only a rash man would predict that this will be the last such split. Henry Wallace may return to the party in the future, despite his denials about the possibility of such a move this year, but for the time being he has taken a sizable chunk of the Democratic vote with him.

Differs on Foreign Policy

Wallace's main differences with Truman are over tactics on foreign policy, but he is also able to exploit the mass discontent with the administration's domestic policy. The effectiveness of his demagogy on these issues was made evident in the Bronx congressional election last month, when Boss Flynn's machine worked hard to bring out the registered Democrats, only to have a great number of

them vote for the Wallace-endorsed candi-

The Wallace strength is enough to damage Truman's chances beyond repair in several important states, if not in most of them. To counteract this, Truman has had to start waving the New Deal flag again in order to try to hold on to the labor vote, and to issue a mild "civil rights program," going beyond any of Roosevelt's promises in this sphere, in order to win the allegiance of the Negro vote in the North.

Instead of helping, this has produced a new crack in the party structure, and now the Southern Bourbons, poll taxers and cracker politicians are staging a revolt of

This isn't the first time. Some of them tried the same thing in the latter years of the Roosevelt regime. But it wasn't so serious a matter for the party then as it is now.

First of all, the Southern Democrats knew they needed Roosevelt to win national elections for them and were fairly sure that he could do so. Secondly, the Democrats at that time controlled not only the White House but also Congress, and a serious split would have cost the Southern Democrats a good deal of the power and patronage accruing to them from the important committee chairmanships they held as a result of seniority and the undemocratic electoral practices of the South.

Little Confidence in Truman

Today, the Southern Democrats have little confidence in the ability of Truman to lead their party to victory in Congress. Furthermore, the Republican congressional victory of 1946 made the Democrats a minority

and they consequently feel that they don't stand to lose as much through a possible party split as they would have under Roose-

Even more important, they bitterly resent the "civil rights program," passage of which might set into motion mass forces in the South that could unseat them for good. They realize that Truman, deep down in his heart. is no more a friend of the Negro people than they are. But they know he is in a tough situation, requiring him to pay lip service to the Negroes' demands and to sign such legislation as the anti-poll tax and anti-lynching bills if the Southern Democrats cannot prevent their passage in Congress.

Under the circumstances, the Southern Democrats appear willing to gamble on sacrificing the national interests of their party rather than to permit any changes in the Southern status quo. Besides, they have learned from experience that they can get along on most issues with the Republican Party as well as they can with their own Northern comrades.

Southern Democrats Determined

Already they are taking steps to strengthen their hand in this intra-party fight, even to the point of preparing local measures to withhold part of the Southern electoral votes from Truman. This may be only a bluff, but it is a sign that the Southern Democrats have taken the offensive and are engaged in a cold war with the administration. They appear determined now not merely to regain their former dominant position in the party, but if possible to take it over altogether,

as their forefathers, the slaveholding aristocracy, did before the Civil War.

A compromise is still possible, of course. but that might ruin the Democratic Party in the North just as effectively as would a split in the South.

These troubles have produced a growing coolness to Truman's candidacy in recent weeks. Numerous Southern party leaders have laid down the ultimatum that Truman must go. At the same time the labor leaders and liberals of the Americans for Democratic Action stripe have refused thus far to come out openly for Truman.

Possibility of Eisenhower

Serious attention is being given to the possibility of persuading Eisenhower to accept a Democratic draft on the theory that he won't antagonize anyone because no one knows what his position is and in the belief that his candidacy might also heal the breach with Wallace, who is known to have a high regard for this particular brass hat.

The situation had become so alarming by last week that Truman, immediately after returning from his Caribbean jaunt, felt it necessary to change his strategy and try to head off a possible Eisenhower boom by proclaiming his own candidacy. But this move did nothing to solve the dilemma tormenting Truman and the Democratic high command -how to successfully woo the labor and minority vote in the North without further antagonizing the Southern Democrats.

What keeps the Democrate ship afloat? It's true that it still commands the support of the local machine bosses like Flynn, Hague, Kelly, etc. But their power is not what it used to be if the Bronx election is any kind of index, and the party would sink like a rock if that was all it had to depend on.

More important than the local machine bosses-are the leaders of the AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods. Ordinarily not distinguished by over-activity in any field, today they are bailing away like mad to keep this capitalist craft from going under. To tell the plain truth, if it wasn't for the hope that the Murrays, Greens and Whitneys can pull it through, the Democratic Party might very well disintegrate by the end of this year.

It would be hard to imagine a more contemptible spectacle. Here is a party that has been swindling and oppressing the American people for decades, a collection of corrupt machine bosses and Southern Bourbons whose only devotion is to Big Business, a gang which is just as responsible as the Republican Party for the passage of the Taft- Hartley Act, to mention only recent history.

Here it is in its worst straits, ready for well-deserved oblivion, on the verge of a collapse that would necessarily make it easier for the workers and poor farmers and minorities to construct a party that would really represent their interests.

Bureaucrats to the Rescue

And at this point—when a really golden opportunity exists to end this monstrosity forever with a minimum of effort-the labor bureaucrats come rushing to its aid like the U. S. Cavalry in the movies, flinging the workers' money around in a desperate attempt to save it and reserving its most vicious attacks for those who want to desert

manship."

Some of the labor leaders, more aware than others of the deep-going rank and file dissatisfaction with the Democratic Party, try to present this policy in a more "radical" cloak. A good example was the resolution adopted March 3 by the International Executive Board of the CIO United Auto Workers at a meeting in Chicago.

The Board voted to support the national CIO policy in rejecting Wallace's third party "as a political maneuver contrary to the best interests of labor and the nation and as an obstacle in the way of the establishment of a successful and genuine progressive political party in the U.S. A.," which the UAW leaders are presumably willing to help build some time after the 1948 elections.

Whom do they think they are going to kid with this kind of stuff? Instead of finishing off the Democratic Party when it is in a bad way, first they propose to rehabilitate it by striving to give it a victory in November, and then after it is strengthened, they are going to try to replace it with another new party sometime in the distant future. That's what passes for "practical politics" in the more "progressive" circles of the labor bureaucracy.

The real duty of all genuine labor fighters is not to prop up the Democratic Party in the period of its collapse, but to utilize this very collapse to launch an independent Labor Party which could emerge at once as a major party on the American political

Housing Program Offered by Milwaukee SWP Candidate

By James E. Boulton

We are reprinting excerpts from the speech of James E. Boulton. over station WEXT on March 2.

this campaign has been re- on a wide scale. duced to a joke. The idea of 14



let the public in on a deep, dark secret: "Housing is the paramount need.' If Art Young. the great socialist

candidates is to

cartoonist from Wisconsin were alive, he might do politician speaking county homes; and the vote-seeker

would blow off this way: "Housing is the paramount issue. We must encourage free enterprise,

The wide-eyed children would gape at each other, and ask: "What is the dope talking about?" will not.

How can we in all seriousness is opposed by the political agents the abuses of capitalism. stend two and one-half million dollars for blight clearance at a time when working reople and veterans, who certainly would enjoy fine nomes, are competing for slum dwellings just to have a roof over their ments. That is what the Red ArTruman Administration, long disthem. People will be glad to move physicist. out of the dumps and firetraps. housing construction.

BOULTON'S PROGRAM

The housing program of James E. Boulton, endorsed by the Socialist Workers Party, is this: Organize a 49 million dollar budget to build ten thousand multiple-unit homes on a large scale project basis. A legislative and legal battle may be necessary to move the 20 million dollar permanent improvement fund ment carefully omitted the part of be in the forefront of the fight for ted. into the housing kitty. The five the FBI report exonerating Condon. bond issues must be telescoped into also be needed.

council, the will to provide for hu- whose faces you see on one thouman needs will triumph.

shortage of five million housing of government. The question of housing in units and to begin slum clearance

be found for housing.

during which time the production co-operative nousing enterprises. of goods for human needs is halted. sand homeless market bribes and rents to find a livable dwellings. children in the place in which to live. The construction industry then finds it more

sand dollar billboards. The profit-The Socialist Workers Party calls eering, rent-gouging real estate in-Socialist Workers Party Candidate for an 18 billion dollar federal hous- terests and the construction industry for Mayor of Milwaukee, broadcast ing program to meet the minimum, have powerful machines in the halls

> I advocate strong national and I take the position that if it was municipal housing authorities to possible to plunge the nation 300 build and operate non-profit, allbillion dollars into debt for a de- service apartment type housing structive war, 18 billion dollars can projects. The tremendous life-giving advantages of these modern What are the causes of the de- community style projects have been plorable shortage of housing One demonstrated by the co-operatives. important cause lies in the fact that The city should subsidize and excapitalism leads to destructive wars, empt from taxation all non-profit

Legis'ntion is needed to abolish Then it turns out that shortages the criminal practice of restrictive cartoon of a produce huge profits. People are covenants that makes it difficult for compelled to buy shacks at inflated the Negro minority to move out of to the one thou- values; are forced to pay black- the Sixth Ward ghetto and into

> My administration would set an profitable to build a few expensive example for the nation in the prohomes while it channels labor and tection of human and civil rights, material into building more ware- in uniting the forces of labor, in houses, department stores, bowling defending political freedom. When alleys, expressways, and atom bomb you vote for Boulton, you will unfactories. The lure of profits deter- derstand that you are voting for a mines what will be built and what set of principles, a program, and a great social goal that will put an At the same time, public housing end to the injustices, the evils, and



AFL President William Green and President Walter P. Reuther of the CIO auto workers, relax after addressing the opening session of the "Americans for Democratic Action" convention. They both backed the Marshall Plan, condemned Wallace, and denounced the idea of

Two "Labor Statesmen"



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Like many others in Washington. Blight clearance can only follow Condon was long ago investigated and spied on by the FBI. This secret police exonerated Condon last May. Recently the secret gestapofile on Condon was turned over to the House Un-American Committee.

This committee which is systematically trampling the constitutional rights of citizens, issued its blast on the eve of the House vote for a new \$200,000 appropriation for the committee. The Un-American state-

Indicative of the deal between a single 15 million dollar issue for Truman's Justice Department and housing. Federal and state aid will the committee was a smear on Henry Wallace, third party opponent of New York Leads

Truman. This section of the Un- in Subscriptions Given a genuine labor and social- American Committee's statement ist administration, free of the real read: "In this country they (the not yet held its Militant Sub Week, estate and construction industry Communists) haven't got as far as it nevertheless leads the country everlords who now rule the city they did in Czechoslovakia, but they

New depths of lying and got pretty far because they got a preservation of civil liberties, has

rorized groups in the United States speedy trials.

continues as new deportation arrests bor movement, rather than just the Times of Feb. 14. The impli-

ly made some half hearted gestures

The reactionary red-baiting cam- in the March 1 issue. paign must be fought and defeated. Along with the phony spy scare Otherwise history may repeat itself

following table of branch results:

JANUARY-FEBRUARY SUBS

Natalia Trotsky **Refutes Slander** In N. Y. Times

lowing letter of Natalia Sc- to endorse socialism and political could be ordered and industry par- party's membership, were either exthe N. Y. Times of March 10. By 1904 the Socialist movement gram, we will end it." The Militant refuted Malraux's consisted of over 1,200 local organi- This revolutionary blast and the Party endorsed the candidate of slanderous accusations against zations in all parts of the coun- fierce agitation of the Socalist the new progressive capitalist party. Trotsky and the Trotskyist movement in a special article

My attention has been drawn to a dispatch from your foreign correspondent, Cyrus L. Sulzberger, in cations in the statements attributed to Andre Malraux are so palpably false that unavoidably late as is this rejoinder, I urgently request that you publish it. It is with profound indignation

that one finds Malraux, after all Editor: the years of consort with Stalinism. casting himself in the role of sym- of Henry Grady Weaver, author of "customer research staff." Who's Implying that factionalism is cappathizer with Leon Trotsky at a "Mainspring"? The General Motors Who also lists him as "Author of able of inspiring committeemen to time when Malraux allies himself Corp. thought so much of his gar- numerous booklets published by "to call a strike just to impress the with the center of French reac- bage that they passed copies out to General Motors Corp." and gives workers," Mr. Thomas evidently fortion. Malraux was at no time a their foremen at the Electro-Mo- his office address as "General Mo- gets that anyone who has to have Trotskyist sympathizer. On the con- tive plant and then a few days tors Corp., Detroit." trary, he was always an enemy, one later, brought Weaver himself out All his works are written to order force in his striving for the workattention from the real issues in where both day and night shift signed to propagandize GM's anti- here and now. Is such a person any the Moscow trials by speaking of foremen were required to attend- labor policies and justify its prof- different from the congressmen, them as merely a personal quarrel and on their own time. between Trotsky and Stalin. The I've read the book-it's a hodge species of the intellectual order- to become tools in the hands of act of Malraux as de Gaulle's Min podge of misrepresentation against a bought-and-paid-for corporation capitalists just for their personal ister of Information in a coalition communism; prefers a republic to pen prostitute. with the Stalinists, in suppressing a democracy; and speaks well of the Trotskyist press, is itself the the class system as it developed in Against Factionalism fitting commentary on Malraux's England. statement. Once more one sees the Henry Taylor-GM's radio voice In the Unions miserable attempt to form an amal- -has also plugged Weaver's book Editor: gam between Trotskyism and Fas- over his national hook-up.

The name of Victor Serge is used pushed in all GM plants, so I think Thomas of Ohio. to lend credence to the supposed the Militant and as many GM Trotskyist support of de Gaulle's union papers as possible should hit stupid articles I have ever read, this must be one in aim and one in movement. The break between it. Serge and Trotsky was complete and can be attested by numerous quota- about Weaver—I suspect he is a for the bosses and bad for the work- wrong track, it must necessarily tions from published literature.

ing Trotsky and the movement he

which had existed in the U.S. that in ten years the Socialist Mayor of Milwaukee. A socialist since Civil War days, became Party would have replaced the had been elected Mayor of Scheneca truly mass movement with the Democratic Party, making it a clear tady. In Pennsylvania, Ohio and The Social Democratic Party, or- tal and the party of labor.

How Socialists Built a Mass Party

gles of the 1890's.

turn of the century.

By George Lavan

The new party soon merged with mine owners. a sizable splitoff from Daniel De Leon's Socialist Labor Party, and CALL TO ARMS a joint ticket was put in the field Debs immediately rallied the Socentrated on the railroaders and wrote: coal miners, reflecting the party's class roots. The election results were ed 97,000 votes far surpassing the labor. long established Socialist Labor Party, whose vote dwindled to 34,- again. Let them dare! 000. Local victories were also won in Massachusetts where two social- revolutionary education, agitation taking over more and more of the ist mayors and two state legislators and organization since the Hay- party's direction. Many of the right were elected.

The party's growing influence trated by two great union conven- power to precipitate it. . . tions of 1902.

of most of the unions of the Rocky meet them with guns. . . Mountain district, with a total "A special revolutionary conven- accelerated the division inside the membership of about 150,000, en- tion of the proletariat at Chicago, Socialist Party. In 1919 a major dorsed the Socialist Party.

try. The presidential campaign was Party terrified the capitalists. The This will be discussed in next week's much more extensive than the pre- frameup attempt was smashed and article on the LaFollette Progressive vious one. Debs' vote — 402,000 — Haywood and the others freed.

The Socialist movement, party had definitely become the its credit. In Wisconsin, the socialthird party, and many predicted ists elected a Congressman and the struggle between the party of capi- other industrial centers, a number

In the U.S. Before First World War

ganized by Eugene Debs, grew di- Less than a year later the leaders The 1912 convention report recordrectly out of the great labor strug- of the Western Federation of Min- ed that 1,039 socialists were holding In June 1897, a last convention er and George Pettibone were kid- ties. of the American Railway Union was napped from Colorado and jailed

in the 1900 elections. This first cialist movement against the frame campaign of Debs for president con- up. In a flaming call to arms Debs

"Nearly 20 years ago the capitalist tyrants put some innocent very gratifying. The new party poll- men to death for standing up for

"They are now going to try it

"There have been 20 years of market tragedy, and if an attempt is made to repeat it, there will be among the working class is illus- a revolution and I will do all in my

"If they attempt to murder Moyer, In June, the convention of the Haywood and their brothers, a mil-Western Labor Union, a federation lion revolutionists, at least, will

"If the plutocrats begin the pro- movement in the United States."

grown to mass proportions. It had States .

The socialists were jubilant. Their a number of electoral victories to of local victories had been gained.

ers, Big Bill Haywood, Charles Moy- office, mainly in the municipali-1912 marks the high point of the

called, its affairs wound up and in Idaho on charges of murder. The Socialist Party's influence. Many the same delegates began a found- conspiracy against these militant "border line" socialists had joined ing convention of the Social De- labor leaders involved the Governors | Theodore Roosevelt's Bull Moose of Idaho and Colorado and the movement and had written much of its platform - borrowing liberal-

ly from the Socialist platform. Woodrow Wilson also paraded as a great liberal, preaching "the New Freedom." Against the demagogy of both his opponents - Debs and his party held firm. Debs' vote was 900,000 that year, more than double that of 1908.

But the First World War brought the party's growth to a close. The right wing in the Socialist Party had been growing stronger and for "preparedness" and later to

"save the world for democracy." Papers like the Appeal to Reason supported the imperialist slaugh-

The Bolshevik revolution of 1917 or some other central point, would split took place, and virtually all The November AFL convention be in order, and, if extreme meas- the healthy militant left wing ele-We are reprinting the fol- almost passed the socialist motion ures are required, a general strike ments, comprising over half the

> In 1924 the shattered Socialist Party, the last in our series on Labor reflected the growing strength of By 1912, the Socialist Party had and Third Parties in the United

WORKERS' FORUM

A Stooge for General Motors

the party.

who lent himself to diverting public from Detroit to speak to a meeting for General Motors and are de- ers should be chucked out right

Please publish what you know

friend of G. L. K. Smith. M. S. Editor's Note: Henry Grady Wea- in the guilessness of the workers. You either go forward or stand ver has been on the General Motors This is not much different from the still, but you don't divide!

the past 26 years he has been en- vantage—only this time a "boss' gaged in "market and psychologi- has the unbelieveable gall to tell cal research" for GM. In 1945 he the workers that it puts him to a What do you know of the record held the title of Director of GM's disadvantage.

iteering. He is one of that lowest senators, etc., who allow themselves

I have just read the article under Probably "Mainspring" will be "Worker Forum" written by Bill

is the most ridiculous.

ers? This most conceeding boss, stop and cleanse itself, but it canwho straight-forwardly "admitted" not go forward again until it is Chicago, Ill. this "truth," certainly must believe united! NATALIA SEDOVA-TROTSKY pay-roll, as a hired propagandist, "divide and rule" slogan which Hit-Coyoacan, Mexico, Feb. 26, 1948. since 1921. Who's Who in America ler and the Hitlers before him were

(1944-45 edition) records that for only too glad to use to their ad-

personal gain the main driving gains?

And that this paragon of colossal ignorance should be printed in a labor paper!

If there is factionalism in a workers' union, it indicates that there is something wrong in it, and a dividing of the union may be a necessary evil-but not a virtue.

There is no room for opportunism Of all the most preposterous and and personalism in a union, which movement before anythig is ac-Since when is factionalism good complished! If a union is on the

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cism, they may be framed up on mand the freeing of those held for atomic spy charges. The atomic deportation proceedings, but merely scientists are one of the most ter- asked that the accused be given

heads. I cannot see the wisdom of hypocristy were reached by the evicting the Fourth Ward so that witch hunting In American Com evicting the Fourth Ward so that witch hunting Un-American Coma profiteering corporation can erect mittee in its phony atom spy scare, the same man who recommended the same man who recommended morrow's attacks on itself, has merefirst necessary to build new homes up a newspaper hysteria against Dr. dova-Trotsky, widow of Leon defeated after least the deportations is expressed in a dova-Trotsky, widow of Leon defeated after least the deportations is expressed in a dova-Trotsky, widow of Leon defeated after least the deportation was barely alyzed as a preliminary to a general pelled or left the party and formed deportations is expressed in a dova-Trotsky, widow of Leon for people to life in before you evict Edward U. Condon, noted atomic government scientists. They all telegram sent to the government by Trotsky, which appeared in debate by a vote of 3,744 to 3,334. realize that if they open their Murray and the motion of the New mouths to voice any kind of criti- York State CIO. These did not de-

THE MILITANT ARMY

Although New York Local has in subscriptions obtained during the last two months—a total of 189. These were mainly the result of mobilizations almost every week by Bedford - Stuyvesant and Harlem

branches. Bedford-Stuyvesant branch gives a Marxist pamphlét as a prize to the high scorer. Jimmie Wright wins most of these. Last Sunday Jimmie. with Sid Wynn, obtained six renewals in 10 calls. To date the branch has sent in 69 subs, nearly all renewals. However, many of the former subscribers have moved.

Militant Sub Week accounted for 639 subs or 62% of the 1,024 January and February returns. The success of Sub Week spurred several branches to regular mobilizations, weekly or monthly or at other intervals, according to the schedule of other activities.

Because Militant Sub Week over-

lapped January and February the

two months are combined in the

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A Creeping Military Dictatorship

A creeping military dictatorship is spreading insidiously over every sphere of American life. The Big Brass, closely linked with Big Business and swollen with ambition and caste arrogance, are grasping for control everywhere - in government, industry, science, education, the press.

They are increasingly independent of civilian restraints. They dictate to Congress the program of military appropriations and expansion. They run the War, Navy and Air Force Departments, linked in the Department of National Defense, as their own pri-

They have at their disposal tens of billions of dollars of the poeple's money. Part of these gigantic sums they use in a vast propaganda and pressure drive for military regimentation and war preparations.

Their influence is dominant in the highest administrative circles of the government, and in particular the decisive field of foreign affairs. The former Army Chief of Staff heads the State Department. The foreign policy directed by this leading militarist is implemented abroad almost exclusively by high-ranking members of the officer caste. In occupied Germany and Japan, U. S. generals are military dictators and a law unto themselves. In Greece, Turkey, the Middle East, Latin America, military missions guide the strong arm of U. S. imperialist diplom-

The aim of the Big Brass is to establish heel.

themselves as a ruling caste, dominating the country with an iron hand, running the people by military command. The workers to them are just "expendables" in their grandiose dreams of world domination. Democracy to them is a term of contempt.

They are putting a powerful pressure on Congress, with the full backing of the Administration, to impose universal military training on American youth and line them up as cannon fodder for World War III. Military officers and intelligence agents are working closely with the labor-hating employers. The leading scientists are virtual slaves of the military command, under day and night surveillance and fearful of breathing a word.

And as we report on Page 1, the militarists are moving rapidly to choke off all free thought and expression. They are building a system of military press censorship, combined with intimidation and terror, to silence all criticism and dissent.

Behind the military caste is the Big Money ruling class. Its program is to destroy the independent labor movement, exploit the workers at home without mercy or restraint and seize the whole world in its rapacious

This cannot be done by democratic methods. It calls for dictatorship. The Big Brass, reactionary to the core and sprung from the ruling class, are itching to apply the iron

Mobilizing Industry for War

U. S. imperialism is seriously gearing it- training is going into "high gear." The facself for World War III, the war of atomic tories will be militarized and the workers annihilation. The corporation executives and the generals are putting their heads together in secret sessions to complete and implement their blue-prints for total war mobilization. Since January, continuous conferences have been going on between the heads of the big-National Security Resources Board.

Business Week, March 6, reports that the drive to mobilize industry in preparation for war is being pressed "quietly but firmly." Airframe, plane engine and auto manufacturers are speedily completing studies of material resources, plant and productive capacity. Stockpiling of machine tools has already passed 30% of the war

Of special significance is the report that moved into industry and their industrial freedom of the working class.

will be put under army rule. The front and the rear are to be fused into one vast regimented war machine.

Union men and women vividly remember what happened to them in the last war for "democracy." They were tied hand and foot gest corporations, military officials and the by the no-strike pledge and War Labor Board compulsory arbitration. They were caught in a wage freeze and job freeze. Hours were lengthened, overtime pay cut and contract conditions violated.

All this is nothing compared to what labor faces in World War III. The war the capitalists are now planning will usher in military totalitarianism. The workers will be outright conscripts, without rights or voice of any kind. Thus the fight to prevent another imperialist world war is a fight for large numbers of military personnel are being the very life of the labor movement and the

'State Department Unionism

Philip Murray and his lieutenants in the American military. And about all the "de-CIO are working overtime to sell the Marshall Plan to the American and European workers as a purely humanitarian and idealistic program to "aid the hungry" and "rehabilitate democratic nations."

Every fact belies this fairy-tale version of the Marshall Plan. As its concrete aspects unfold day by day, it emerges clearly as an attempt to prop up anti-labor dictatorships and strengthen them as military bases for ultimate war on Russia.

The funds being appropriated as "aid to the hungry" are going primarily to feed hungry military machines. So much of the supplies being sent abroad are for military purposes, that here and there, even the reactionary recipients are beginning to complain. The semi-fascist Turkish government, for instance, protested the fact that 95% of the new \$100,000,000 gift must be devoted to military expenditures, according to U.S. directives, thus placing a "great strain" on Turkish economy.

As for Turkey being a democracy, we need only cite a March 2 Istanbul dispatch to the N. Y. Times. It reports that 56 "leftists" are going on trial for "trying to form a society with the aim of establishing the supremacy of one class over another." The defendants were arrested "during the purge of December, 1946, which wiped out hundreds of workers' unions, two Socialist parties and four newspapers." Needless to say, the trial will be held in secret.

Washington openly proclaims that virtually all "aid" to Greece is military and Greek civil war is now in the hands of the Department.

mocracy" you can find in Greece is in a concentration camp or before a firing squad. The death-to-strikers law sums up the kind of "democracy" the Marshall Plan is bolstering in Greece.

Now the Marshall Plan is being used by Truman and the State Department to force through a politico-military alliance of England, France and the West-European countries. Not unexpectedly, the CIO and AFL leaders, like loyal stooges of the State Department, have jumped to attention, and are trying to split the World Federation of Trade Unions on the issue of the Marshall Plan. They are working away like beavers to line up the Western European labor movement exactly along the geographical lines of the Marshall Plan countries.

These union bureaucrats have never found it possible to achieve unity on the basis of the needs of the workers. But now - at the behest of the State Department - the AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhood bureaucrats, have at last found it possible to unite behind the Marshall Plan and the war program of American imperialism.

Everything the CIO and AFL top leaders have said and are saying about the Marshall Plan is a lie and deception. They are perpetrating a fraud against their membership. They are using the good name of the American labor movement to conceal the true imperialist purposes of the Wall Street masters. They have gone behind the backs of the union ranks and are acting in cahoots with and on orders of an "outside agency" that direction of the monarchist army in the alien and hostile to labor - the U. S. State

Left Wing Socialist Forces in Italy Establish New Working Class Party

By Marcel Rogier

ROME, Feb. 28-The Congress of the Socialist Party of Italian Workers (PSLI) came to a dramatic close in Naples on Feb. 5. Amidst the frantic efforts of the reformist delegates to drown out his voice and push him off the platform, Comrade Maitan, general secretary of the Socialist Youth, announced that his organization was leaving the party.

The Congress of the PSLI presented a disgraceful spectacle from beginning to end. No sooner did a speaker begin to attack the capitalist or capitalist parties, than whistles and shouts interrupted him from all sides. No serious political discussion, no free expression of opinion One after the other, the illustrious

leaders took the platform and hurled

interminable and bitter speeches at

one another's heads. The real stake in this "battle" of eloquence was, of course, the appointment and apportionment of candidates at the next parliamentary elections. The 50 parliamentarians of the PSLI were fully aware that scarcely half of them would regain their seats after April 17. Hence the tension between the different "tendencies." But the numerous resolutions presented at the opening of the congress were reduced in the course of the discussion to five, then to three; one from the left, one from the

center, and one from the right.

The centrist leaders of the former endency "Initiativa Socialista," Matteeti, Zagari, Vassali, capitulated shamefully in the course of the discussions. They accepted the ratification of the coup d'etat of that super-democrat, Saragat, who autccratically decided, behind the back and against the formal decision of the party leadership, to enter the Gasperi government. They backparty secretary. This left the congress with only two positions to choose from-the "official" motion and one opposition motion-and made it clear that the role of the centrists in Italy is rapidly coming

Youth, condemned in the most participation in the capitalist gov- with the communist workers. erument and a break with the whole Saragat past. At the finar to the "Popular Front for Peace,

Congress, the whole Socialist Youth the ill-reputed French and Spanish tions and all the centrist panaceas leadership as well as numerous other "Popular Fronts," since no impor- which are being proposed. This exleft wing delegates announced their

break with the party.

By Lucien

Triumphed in Indo-China task-the creation of the people's militancy of the people grew enor-

How the Counter-Revolution

Under the influence of the ICL (Indo-Chinese Trotskycommittees. A provisional Central Committee, supreme organ of the people's committees, was constituted after Aug. 21, 1943, and it had its own independent headquarters with

a military workers' guard. On Aug. 26, the people's delegates of the Saigon-Cholon region, in masses. general assembly, adopted a program, which can be summarized as

1. The Indo-Chinese revolution is an anti-imperialist revolution. We declare that the national bourgeoisie will be incapable of playing the role of revolutionary vanguard and that only a people's alliance of working class and peasant toilers will be able to liberate the nation from the domination of foreign capitalism.

the most concrete form of alliance call upon the people to arm themof the revolutionary classes; thus selves and above all for a struggle the necessity of grouping the pro- against the imperialist Allies shall clearly determined to this day. The letariat and peasants under the be considered provocateurs and sableadership of people's committees. 3. The people's committees will

maintain their political independence from the bourgeois government and from all political parties. 4. The people's committees recognize only the Central Committee. elected on the basis of the princi-

ple of democratic centralism, as

their supreme organ. The ICL led the revolutionary masses through the intermediary of the people's committee. It was DENOUNCED STALINISTS

committee or Soviet.

On Sept. 14, the Stalinist police When the problem of armed chief, Duong Bach Mai, sent an struggle against imperialist invaists) over 150 people's commit- sion was posed at the beginning of armed detachment to surround the tees were formed within three weeks September, the People's Committees headquarters of the People's Committees, where the assembly was in in the southern region of Viet-Nam played an extremely important role full session. (Nam-Bo) and of these, a hundred in preparing the political and techin Saigon-Cholon were workers' nical conditions for the struggle. were taken from us. The head-

The people's committees became an increasingly grave threat to the ing the furniture, tearing up the Stalinist government which, on its banners, stealing the typewriters side, was the object of incessant and burning all our papers reproaches from the bourgeois parties, who accused it of being powerless to suppress the revolutionary

fierce attack against the Trot- Chinese people to the democratic skyists, charging them with being imperialists. responsible for disturbances and SYSTEMATIC MASSACRE provacations. The entire Stalinist press joined together against the Trotskyists, endeavoring to distract the people from the imminent dan- ernment of the northern region, ger of imperialist invasion. On for the systematic massacre of all Sept. 7, Than-Van-Giau gave the Trotskyist elements in the country. order to disarm all non-govern Tran Van Thach, Ta Thu Thau, mental organizations. According to Phan Van Hum, Nguyen Van So, 2. The people's committees are the terms of this decree, "those who oteurs."

> On Sept. 10, English troops disem- Van-Giau in the coup d'état operabarked at Saigon, while French tion of the Viet-Minh, were also planes flew over the city in successive waves. In the face of the approaching danger, and despite the slanders and threats of the Stalinist government, the ICL launched an all-out campaign to prepare the revolutionary masses for the coming armed battles.

thanks to these, that it succeeded On Sept. 12, the People's Commitin politicalizing the most advanced tees and the ICL composed a comlayers of the revolutionary classes. mon manifesto openly denouncing tia—were assassinated by a Stalinist Despite its numerical smallness, the the treacherous policy of the Stalin-ICL for the first time in the his- ist government in its capitulation tory of the Indo-Chinese revolution before the threat of the general ticles on the Indo-Chinese uprising Bigelow accomplished a grandiose historical staff of the English troops. The and the role of the Trotskyists.) nights, 7-10 p. m.

Klan on The March



In Wrightsville, Ga., a crowd watches a primary eve parade of hooded members of the Ku Klux Klan that ended in the burning of a 15-foot cross. The demonstration kept all but one of the county's 400 Negroes away from the polls the next day.

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Rome, together with representatives have openly declared that they are of the Socialist Youth and left reve- in disagreement with its neo-reformlutionists previously grouped around ist program and have refused to the papers Riscossa Proletaria of accept any place on the electoral Rome and Unita Socialista of Milan. lists. They have, further, made The conference unanimously de- clear that they intend to work cided to leave the PSLI-many of through the groups that constitute the delegates had already left as the base of the Front in order to individuals. The new organization launch the real struggle which is was named "Socialist Movement of going to unfold in the factories and Proletarian Unity" and the first on the streets and not around the issue of its paper, Socialist Unity, came out on Feb. 27.

The name of the new movement tracked from day to day and finally and the new paper are indicative accepted the official joint motion of the desire to renew an old revopresented by the extreme right wing, lutionary tradition, that of the whose leader, Simonini, became Movement of Proletarian Unity built in secrecy under fascism, to which most of the young Italian Marxists once belonged. While the members of the new

MSUP reveal excellent revolutionary intentions, their conduct is still infused with a good dose of centrist a difficult struggle against Stalinism exact terms the anti-working class two years ago within the unified policy of the party leadership. Other Socialist Party, they courageously left wing delegates presented a joint fought the petty-bourgeois antimotion expressing distrust of the communism of the PSLI and deleadership, condemnation of its fended the need for united action

This causes them today to adhere vote, this motion received 27,000 Bread, and Work" built by the Comvotes against 170,000 for the official munist Party and the Socialist Party of Nenni. Of course, this "Popular exceptional opportunity to get ex-Immediately after the close of the Front," is of a different nature than perience with all the half-way solutant capitalist party participates and perience should lead all the genuine it is based on numerous popularly revolutionary militants in the party On Feb. 15 the left wing delegates based organizations. The MSUP to the program and organization of of the PSLI held a conference in members, in adhering to the Front, the Fourth International.

Nevertheless this adherence risks confusing the new movement in the

eyes of the advanced workers with the policy of the Front, which tomerrow will end in bankruptcy. That is why it is important above everything else for the young MSUP to clearly differentiate itself politically from the Front. It should begin an energetic and patient campaign for expulsion from the Front of all individual capitalist elements, whose presence serves as an eternal alibi to the Stalinist leadership for re-Maitan, speaking for the Socialist confusion. After having engaged in straining the fighting spirit of the masses. It must elaborate, in opposition to the miserable reformist patch-work platform of the Front, a truly revolutionary program of transitional demands, capable of mobilizing the Italian working class revolution.

Our machine guns and pistols

Crushing the Party of the Fourth

International had a two-fold pur-

pose: physical extermination of the

vanguard of the revolutionary pro-

After accomplishing the first op-

eration, Tran-Van-Giau gave the

order, with the consent of the gov-

and scores of other revolutionary

militants were assassinated under

circumstances which have not been

two former Japanese police chiefs

who had been accomplices of Tran-

murdered as Trotskvists. The wom-

an doctor, Ho Vinh Ky, former

member of the government, was shot

by an agent of Tran-Van Giau as a

Trotskyist sympathizer, as were the

leaders of the "La Lutte" group.

The three most devoted comrades of

our party-Lo Ngoc, member of the

Central Committee; Nguyen Van

Ky, mechanic and trade union lead-

er; Nguyen Huong, young Trotsky-

ist and fighter in the workers' mili-

(This concludes the series of ar-

police chief in July, 1946.

On Sept. 6, the government opened | letariat and surrender of the Indo-

quarters were destroyed by smash-

Events on the International Scene

By Paul G. Stevens

NEW SOCIAL CRISIS BREWING IN FRANCE

the events of last November and ing place in many industries. All December, is brewing in France. have as their objective new wage Both the increased diplomatic ten- adjustments in line with the devalusion between US-USSR as well as ation of the franc. The government internal unrest resulting from the is resisting the workers' demands. devaluation of the franc are bring-

Making a bid for popular backing a speech at Consiegne last Sunday, once again in revolutionary actions. we are in one of those periods where everything is going to be

thusiasm he roused at the time of trating the "Committees for the that he formerly desired."

Indeed there has been a considerable decline of the de Gaulle movement, particularly in the electoral field. In a recent column we mentioned the by-election at the Parisian suburb of Malakoff as indicating this trend. It was further confirmed several weeks later in a by-election at the city of Versailles. In both the de Gaullists lost heavily. The Communist Party showed sun- Negotiations for the unifications of stantial gains. Therein lies the reason for the general's cooling off on the parliamentary offensive he began with his victory in last October's cialist Action group—both of which municipal contest.

The CP forces have also recouped Party last year-have been under some of their losses in the trade way for some time. Now these three unions. In contests for job stewards organizations are approaching two held in all the mines and printing new groups for unification. One is establishments, for instance, the the group around the weekly Bataille Stalinist-led General Federation of Socialiste, expelled from the Blum Labor defeated by enormous ma- party for demanding a bloc with jorities the reformist "Force Ouvriere" Federation.

What the French masses following the CP want is shown by a re-INDONESIA The official French news agency

reports opening of a trial of 17 "extremist Republicans" implicated masses on the road of proletarian in the abortive uprising of July 1943, government had banned it as well the highlight of which was the ab- as the party. A letter reports that Participating fully in all the duction of Sultan Sjahrir, Prime among the soldiers held "under susstruggles and movements of the Minister of the Indonesian Republic picion" at the concentration camp on masses, the young MSUP has an at that time. It adds that "the Makronisi Island there are severa tendency, Tan Malakka, who is con- member of its Central Committee. sidered the main instigator...does Three other Trotskyists have been not feature in the trial and is await- sentenced to long prison terms. The

A FOOTNOTE ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA

In its current issue; one of the one conclude from our Ichahod's Ichabed Cranes of the Shachtmanite Labor Action writes two ranting columns against our coverage of the Czech events. We didn't follow the line of the capitalist press in merely howling about the "rape" of Czechoslovakia, as they did. Guilty!

gether the underlying class signifi- of Gottwald, as of Beirut in Poland. cance of the developments, which With whom do the Schachtmanites were obscured by the Wall Street stand? With the Czech equivalents propaganda machine. One would of Mikolajzik? They would do better think this was the duty of a labor to look for their own lost heads and paper. But then their paper is mis- re-read their own issue of March a named. They should change it to where, at long last, "Mikolajzik's "Democratic Action." What else can Role" is "Exposed."

A new social crisis, overshadowing | newed wave of short walkouts tak-Their slim majority in parliament (the latest tax bill got through by barely three votes last Monday) is to set up an authoritarian regime, already threatened. The new wage General Charles de Gaulle said in movement is bound to culminate

A new social crisis is thus incultaable. The menace of a de Gaullist coup, backed by Wall Street, cannot First dispatches indicate that his be dismissed in spite of the movedemagogic appeal for a "government ment's parliamentary decline." This above the parties" and of "social danger is re-inforced by the Stalinjustice," coupled with a direct call ist policy of chauvinism and inacfor U.S. military aid against Russia tion on class struggle issues. De was received "not with the wild en- Gaullists are reported to be peneliberation." In other words, rather Defense of the Republic" organized coolly. It is also noted that he by the CP in a daring tactic to chalseemed to disdain the elections lenge its "nationalism." On the other hand, great ferment is reported in the ranks of the CP itself for a revolutionary line.

The outcome of the crisis that is brewing depends upon whether new leadership will be able to rise to challenge the Stalinists for the allegiance of the working class. Recent steps toward the development of such a revolutionary leadership have been reported in these columns. the Trotskyist International Communist party (PCI), the Socialist Youth and the Revolutionary Sosplit away from Blum's Socialist the CP. The other is grouped around the daily Franc Tireur which broke with the Stalinists on the issue of

unity with the Socialists.

No. 1 of the illegal "Workers Struggle," organ of the International Communist Party (Trotskyist) has appeared. The renctionary Athens Communist leader of Trotskyist members of the party, including a ing judgment in the Bjokjakarta white terror is being intensified in the whole country.

Instead, we sought to piece to- with the working-class opponents

final stumping question: "Are you for a democratic struggle against the Gottwald dictatorship, or would you stand with its opponents?"

Which opponents of the Stalinists? That's the question for us. We stand

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say black is white?

You saw it in his face and his But the world is still chained. movements. And most of all you

youth rang in his 65-year old voice. edged weapon. Always he had been speaking to success, but he can never be called a failure! crowds and to individuals writing leaflets, studying That's how the old man was when I met him, and You see, he never really had time to grow old. That, still a doer of the things that must be done. I think, may be why he was still a young man when

gathering poor curl slowly into fists?

portant, and to love doing them regardless of fatigue, gling, fighting, and laboring for fame. regardless of cost, regardless of danger. From this although his life had been filled with failures, or at fight under the banner of Karl Marx.

I met an old man once, who was very young. He least things that had not been successful.

For he was a revolutionary (and is today; he is still living, still fighting). The great, final success The words sound foolish when that he always held before him didn't come, hasn't said, like the incantations in a come yet. Always he fought for Socialism, for the fairy tale. The words have oppo- society of free men and women, the era of peace and site meanings, and how can you plenty. All his working life he struggled, agitated, put them together? How can you taught, labored patiently at the little tasks of drudgery and the bigger tasks of action, doing his utmost But this old man was young. in the great task of freeing the world from its chains.

And yet, in the darkest days as in the brighter heard it in his words. For he was ones, he was a free man. A rebel slave is not a slave a fighter, and the vigor of his but a prisoner of war, and a fighting man can never be humbled and degraded. Such a man may be im-All his life he had fought and struggled for free- prisoned or killed but never defeated. Such a man dom. His hands were two fists; his mind was a keen- may die before seeing and sharing in the last great

history and economics, attending meetings, always when I ask about him from people passing through organizing and teaching the workers...and all this our town, they tell me he is still the same. I always during the hours when he was not working in the ask about him, but before they speak, I know what factories, for he was a worker and had to work to live. their answer will be. He is still a fighter, still a thinker,

Perhaps you think this is a story with a trick ending, that I will describe this man and then, in the last And his success...well, what is success? Is it suc- line, the last sentence, say, he is my father, or my cess to live in luxury wrought from the blood and brother, or name some famous name that will open exhaustion of the peoples of the earth, to rock on a your eyes in wonder and admiration that I should quaking throne of gold while the hungry hands of the know him. No. This man is a stranger to fame. And perhaps even after the people's victory in the days I think success is something very different, some- of Socialism the name will still be lost among the thing like this: To do well the things you consider im- other millions. But that's all right. He's not strug-

He's one of the many millions who have answered point of view, the old man was a successful man... the call of battle, one of the self-sacrificing rebels that

The Negro Struggle—

Save the Ingram Family

– By Albert Parker –

Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram and her two young children



ing the Negro people has marked again. them down as its next victims and

Read the article about the Inhave most of the essential information about the case. Then ask yourself these questions:

think they would have been thrown into jail and over wages, or in a struggle at the ballot. denied the services of a lawyer until the day of their ever have heard about the case?

There never would have been any arrests, there would a double reason for snatching them out of the hands have been no trial and no conviction, and the whole of their would-be executioners-first of all, because thing would have been written off as a case of self- they're not guilty and secondly, because saving them defense. But everything happens differently in the will help to undermine Jim Crow rule. Do everything South when a Negro is accused.

Why? Are the rulers of Georgia and their servare Georgia sharecroppers who have been sentenced ants on the judge's bench and in the sheriff's office to the electric chair because they defended themetry-stricken widow is going to threaten their power selves against a murderous attack. if she is set free? Of course not. They know very The blood-stained system oppress- well that if she is let alone, they will never see her

Nevertheless, they want her blood, because they can be expected to fight to the last regard her as a symbol. She and her sons dared to ditch to see that they do not get lift their hands in self-defense; they committed the unpardonable sin of fighting back when they were assaulted by a white man. The rulers of Georgia want gram family on Page 1 of this issue, and you will to burn the Ingrams to death in order to "teach a lesson" to the Negro people as a whole, to terrorize them so that they will be afraid to resist, so that Suppose the Ingrams had been white and the dead they will "stay in their place," so that they will never man had been a Negro-do you think the Georgia on any occasion attempt to fight for their rightssheriff would have arrested the Ingrams? Do you whether in a dispute on a farm, or in a controversy

And that is why the Ingram case has an importso-ealled trial? Do you think there would have even ance even greater than the ordinary individual inbeen a trial, or that anybody outside of Georgia would stance of tragic injustice. Mrs. Ingram and her sons are a symbol to us too—to all of us who want to smash The answer to all these questions is, of course, No. the oppressive Jim Crow system. That's why we have you can to stop these murders!

Senator Taylor—Liberal, First Class

— By John F. Petrone—

Joseph Starobin in the March 1 Daily Worker, chid- there as anybody." how was it unfortunate, doesn't he realize it was the "shining young knight" from the West like Taylor.

than their previous entanglements with Roosevelt and Taylor a liberal, first class. Truman.

worth discussing

York City and said: "I'm against Communists occupy- Labor Department."

A note of uneasiness mixed with crankiness was ing positions in government where they might posevident in the Communist Party press after Henry sibly turn secret information over to the Russians Wallace and Glen Taylor issued their statements on after what happened in Canada.". But, he added, the recent Stalinist coup in Czechoslovakia. "Wallace "it is a different thing to kick them out of the Labor and Taylor Didn't Think It Through," complains Department. They can be as good public servants

ing Taylor because he said, "I imagine it was the That certainly throws a new light on the whole result of pressure by the Russians." Wallace said the question of the "red purge" which the administra-Czech events were "unfortunate" and could have been tion has been carrying on for more than a year. prevented by a different U.S. foreign policy. Milton Moreover, it shows what a tremendous distinction Howard, in the March 7 Worker, keeps asking him there is between a reactionary like Truman and a

best possible thing that could have happened under 'Truman, you see, wants to drive the Stalinists out of any and every government job there is. That makes The Stalinists are of course still whooping it up him a witch hunter. Taylor thinks Truman is going for Wallace and Taylor, because after all they did try too far. He thinks it's OK to purge them out of some to condone the Stalinist coup. But even this little government jobs-say, in the State Department. But incident relating to foreign policy indicates that the he thinks it would be smart to employ them in less CP attachment for its beloved "progressive standard important jobs, such as in the Labor Department, bearers" is not going to be a wholly idyllic love affair, where they could be useful in compiling statistics and and that it is not likely to be any more permanent in persuading unions not to go on strike. That makes

Do you see the fundamental difference? If you This incident dealt with foreign policy, where the do, maybe you'll want to join with the members of the Stalinists felt they had to demur publicly. But there Communist Party in supporting the Wallace-Taylor was another incident around the same time, relatiticket, ring doorbells for them, get petitions signed ing more to domestic policy, and although I searched for them, donate money so that they can spread more the Daily Worker very carefully for several days such "progressive propaganda;" etc. If you do, here thereafter, they never had a word to say on it. It's are a couple of slogans you may find useful: "Vote for Wallace and Taylor—They Stand For Only a 50% On Feb. 29 Taylor spoke over the radio in New Purge." "Civil Liberties Must Be Maintained-In the

Notes from the News

Angeles CIO Council last week (about 20% of the total others. number of delegates). 40 were from eight rubber locals, 19 from eight auto locals,



and one from the fishermen's union.

RIGHT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH—"Don't TAX CHEATING—An expose in American Maga-Feb. 27 Socialist Call. Guess again, boys.

OVER-THE-TOP — The Independent Progressive and don't record it in their books. Party of California finished its petition campaign by filing 486,000 signatures of registered voters. The

CATHOLIC PAPER—The tenth anniversary issue of the Labor Leader, publication of the priest-ridden Telephone Workers Organizing Committee, Joseph tion cost the U. S. taxpayers \$6,600,000.

CIO SPLIT-114 delegates withdrew from the Los A. Fisher, president of the CIO Utility Workers and

RETAIL WORKERS DISAFFILIATE—Climaxing 17 from eight steel locals, 8 from its battle with International President Wolchak, the seven clothing worker locals, 8 St. Louis Joint Board of the CIO Retail, Wholesale from an oil workers local, 7 from and Department Store Union unanimously voted to five Packinghouse locals, 4 from a disaffiliate. The organization will be known as the shipyard local, 4 from a utilities United Distribution Workers. Director Harold J. local, 3 from three textile locals, Gibbons sent a telegram to CIO President Murray: 3 from two retail workers locals, "If we have to leave CIO it will be because we were forced out."

be surprised if the Cannonite Trotskvites (meaning zine quotes Under-Secretary of the Treasury A. L. the Socialist Workers Party) announce their support Wiggins as estimating that tax chiseling "amounts to of Wallace and his so-called 'new party,'" says the no less than eight billion dollars annually." Most of the cheating is done, the magazine reveals, by business and professional men who handle a lot of cash

DEMOCRACY LIMITED— The General Executive party needed only 276,000 names to qualify on the Board of the International Ladies Garment Workers ballot according even, to the tough California elec- Union, meeting at Miami, Florida, ordered the expulsion from office of all local officials who refused to sign the Taft-Hartley loyalty affidavits.

RELIEF FOR CHINESE GRAFTERS—The State Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, features con- Department received word that a large portion of the gratulatory letters from such well-known exponents 130 million rounds of ammunition that the U.S. reagainst "outside interference" in the unions as Sec-leased to Chiang Kai-shek last year to fight the refair of Labor Schwellenbach. AFL President Wil- Stalinist-led forces was sold right off the docks of liam Green, John J. Moran, vice chairman of the CIO Shanghai to Chinese Stalinist agents. This ammuni-

THE MILITANT

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Detroit SWP Chairman Assails Fare Boost at Council Hearing

Program of Action For UMW Contract

By Morgan West

United Mine Workers expires on June 30 of this year. For thousands of older miners on to the next five months yellow jour- public relief. Already there are much in the dark as anyone else.

dealt with in the coming negotiations. These are: 1. Inflation and the cost of living; 2. The speed up; Depression.

Last year the July contract brought the highest wage rate in mining history. But within a few short weeks all of the gains had been wiped out by inflation. Today the wage rate is far below what is necessary for life in a company town. To meet the rise in prices since last insured. year, a 20-cent per hour wage increase would be necessary.

once by even greater increases in a strike in July and lose it in August. There is only one solution: the new wage scale must be basic. but every time prices rise after the contract is signed an equal wage increase must automatically follow and be added to the basic rate. This is called the "sliding scale of wages." The miners in Japan have found that the sliding scale is the only pay. weapon with which to combat in-

OLD TIMERS FIRED

in West Virginia. The Super told of the UMW. them that their work wasn't satisfactory and cynically stated "The New York Jam Session war is over now." Since then the Features All-Star Band speed up has gained throughout the coal fields. New machinery is being introduced at a tremendous rate laws are being violated to an in- van Hall, 110 East 59 Street. creasing extent. Management is not wanted in the coal mines and the Quartet. with no opportunity to work any-

transferred from timbering to shot- the Village Vanguard. him. The old miner is now on his cluded.

The present contract of the tion for the workers, the new contract must have seniority provisions.

nalists will fill the boss press with thousands who live in poverty beslanders against the union. Already cause old age pensions are hopespeculation about the demands or lessly inadequate. The UMW Welthe miners is a topic all across the fare and Retirement Fund was country. The miners themselves are supposed to come to their aid, but more intimately concerned with it is inadequate at best, and has the union demands but just as been effectively blocked by the operators. The administrative board The rank and file is excluded from is supposed to represent the workers, any participation in the formulation the operators, and the public. Natuof policy in the UMW. But the rally, this mysterious "public" reprerank and file, nevertheless, has sentative (a New York industrialist!) strong opinions on this matter. As always votes with the operators and far as the miners are concerned, as a result the retirement fund is three major problems should be blocked. (Can the operators be waiting for the government to outlaw such welfare funds so they will get the money of the needy miners into their own treasuries?) The principle of union autonomy in the administration of the Welfare Fund must be established plus an immediate increase in the rate from 10 to 20 cents per ton. Only in that way can the size of the fund be adequate and its administration

But the depression will do more than throw old timers out of work. But as every miner knows, such No miner has forgotten the last dea wage increase would be met at pression when the miner worked stores. It is no great victory to win of mines completely shut down. The the American farmer. coming depression will bring another great "surplus" of coal. Overproduction, while millions of workers other words, before any layoffs are instituted, the working hours will be reduced with no reduction in the

a program, aggressively It is reported that in late 1945 a and file miners behind the union, group of old timer miners were fired in a manner that has not been seen in Scotts Run, a coal mining center since the early organizational days

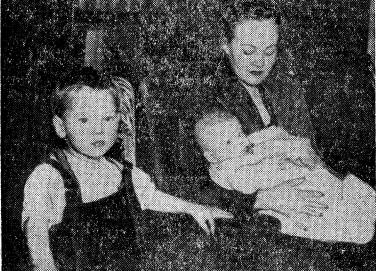
New York dance fans will need no urging to attend the special dustry. This he defined as a new the legitimate information media of Dance and Jam Session, featuring type of capitalism, "progressive cap- the country." and young men are being hired to the famous Albert Nicholas Quartet italism" he termed it. He did not replace those who are older. Safety on Friday night, March 26, at Cara-once mention the farmers co-opera- tary aren't even waiting to get their Bertha "Chippie" Hill, one of the

getting tougher. The older men jazz "originals," who's been "hol- EMPTY PHRASES (and this frequently means those lerin' the blues from 'way back," over 40) expect to find themselves and still leads the field, will assist The Albert Nicholas Quartet be-

came nationally known through its This highlights one of the scandals WOR network program "This is of the UMW. The miners have no Jazz!" Included in the all-star seniority provisions in their con- band are Albert Nicholas, renowned tract. This leaves the men at the New Orleans clarinetist, Johnny absolute mercy of the operators as Glasel, trumpet star of Wilbur's far as job placement, hiring and Wildcats, James P. Johnson, comfiring is concerned. Only recently, a poser and pianist, and Freddy spend," said the man the Stalinists ernment pressure; its sources of incapable but elderly timberman was Moore, star of the Hodes Trio of

firing, where he could not keep up. Readers of The Militant should His section boss had had an argu- call this entertainment to the at- fective weapon in the atomic age, sorship," he says, can be used "as ment with the old timer, and knew tention of their friends and shop- he said. that this was one way to get rid of mates. Admission, \$1.20, tax in-

At Home in Mayor's Office



Mrs. Adeline Hunnefield was evicted from her Boston apartment house. With her sailor husband at sea, she decided to fight for housing on her own by taking her children to the mayor's office until the city found the family a home. City officials got busy and placed her

Wallace Program Calls For Planned Scarcity

By Joe Simpson

-Wallace chose this farm ism. center-rich in populist, Farm Holionly two or three, or even one day day and Farmer-Labor tradition—to the prices charged by company a week. In addition, great numbers launch his campaign for the vote of

The crowd, which made its way to the meeting over snow-blocked suffer from the cold. To combat roads, was disappointed to find the that, the new contract must estab- Wallace farm program nothing but sure" to force a publication to dis- be raised." lish the sliding scale of hours. In the warmed-over agriculture pro- close the source of its information gram of the New Deal.

They were all there, all the comstrength and enthusiasm of the rank even the ploughing under of crops sidered desirable." -that plan which typified the econ- A bill has been prepared with ny of the system. omy of scarcity which gave it birth.

talking about co-operatives, but the co-operation of government and in-

parties stressed their "speaking liberalism," but his own radical phrases rang with as empty a content.

His criticism of the war drive of the Truman administration? It's to Baldwin, "might well turn out more Council head; Frank Martel, AFL expensive, he said. "We're not cal- theoretical than real." Any publi- head; and representatives of many culating as business men should cal- cation that printed information the unions and fraternal bodies, as well culate, according to our ability to be "subjected to all sorts of govproclaim to be the Soviet Union's formation might be closed up: it was Ernest Mazey, chairman of the friend. His criticism of universal would probably be called 'unpa-powerful UAW-CIO Briggs Local military training? It's not an ef- triotic, etc." Even "voluntary cen-

voiced dissatisfaction with Wallace's torial on Page 3.)

speech. The varnish of radicalism was spread a little too thin over WILLMAR, Minn., Feb. 28 this party of "progressive" capital-

Control of Press

(Continued from Page 1) partment of Justice and FBI for a "punitive and threatening mea-"and presumably to impress and overawe it." This case, further, is plicated and inadequate plans of the being used as an argument for Roosevelt period—the ever-normal the legal club needed to restrict it in the hands of those who are fought for, would unite the solid granary, the AAA, the CCC, and the flow of news to what it con-

> terms "so broad — it defines as a DENOUNCED SECRECY criminal offense, for instance, the The crowd listened hopefully transmission of any 'information' when Wallace mentioned co-opera- concerning the national defense 'to undoubtedly would be used, in the light of past experience, to limit

> > But, as Baldwin shows, the milicensorship system legalized.

On March 3, representatives of the big newspapers, magazines and proposed a system of "voluntary ers into paying higher fares." censorship" as a means of avoiding direct censorship.

This "voluntary censorship," says government wanted withheld would a powerful restraining influence on As the meeting broke up, many the flow of information." (See edi-

DETROIT, March 7-At a hearing of the Detroit Common Council on March 4, Howard Lerner, local SWP chairman, denounced the proposed raise of street car and bus fares from 10 cents to 13 cents as a scheme of the "political and economic interests who wish to increase railway revenues" for their own profit. Attacked by Council President

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George Edwards as spreading "untruths" concerning the inefficiency of the Detroit Street Railway system, Mr. Lerner quoted figures put out by the DSR itself showing 500 of its 1.870 buses out of commission at one time. Said Mr. Lerner: " . . . institute suit against the sellers of these new buses for fraudulent sale of misrepresented material. Make the billionaire corporations who profited from this worthless equipment pay the cost of maintaining it. Detroit workers should not suffer with fare increases."

DEMANDS REFERENDUM

Mr. Lerner demanded a referendum on the proposed increase. The referendum, said Mr. Lerner, should carry two questions: "1. Do you favor a return to the six cent fare, additional operating revenue to be made up by taxing downtown and corporate real estate? 2. Do you favor a 13-cent fare?" Councilman Cakman, attempting to discredit this proposal, asked whether Lerner would support a referendum on raising taxes, if revenue were needed for various city functions. The answer of the SWP chairman was that if there were such widespread suspicion and hostility to such a tax boost as there is today to the proposed increase in street-car and bus fares, he would certainly support such a referendum. Said Lerner, "Let the people decide. They are responsible for the city-owned DSR. And they should have the right to decide on how the revenue should

To end inefficiency, Mr. Lerner proposed that the DSR commission be elected by DSR employes. "Take control out of the hands of legislation to "give the Government \$20,000 a year office men, and put familiar with every nook and cran-

Also proposed by the SWP representative was that automatic wage tion. But it turned out he was not any person not entitled to receive increases to keep up with the risthat it could be used and ing cost of living be granted all DSR workers.

Lerner also denounced the secrecy with which lists of bondholders are kept. "Shouldn't the owners - the public - know who is loaning them money, and at how much interest?" asked Lerner. "Let's His attacks on the "Republocrat" publishing houses conferred with get all the facts behind this con-Secretary of Defense Forrestal and spiracy to blackjack Detroit work-

> Others protesting the proposed fare increase were: Tracy Doll. CIO as the Communist Party. About 75 212 PAC committee. Mr. Mazey charged inefficiency, graft and corruption, and demanded a full and open investigation.

By Irving Dale

The hypocrisy which char-Feb. 24, in its statement of policy to the UN Security Council.

After pushing the partition scheme through the UN, the entire situation is now permitted to remain suspended in mid-air while open warfare is in progress. Thus far net results of the American-inextermination.

CYNICAL BETRAYAL

U. S. government policy, in relation to the Jews, has from the first, been one of cynical betrayal. When the entire world was shocked by the the U.S.

The Truman administration follows in Roosevelt's footsteps. The NARROW VISION DP's still cannot enter the U.S.

The significant lesson for the Jewestine was again displayed on that the reactionary partition plan -which was hailed by the Zionist leaders as the one "practical" solution of the Jewish problem-will problably not be realized, and that they have again been led up a blind alley by the Zionists.

Partition was originally viewed by U. S. imperialism as a cleverly conspired pactition plan has been the trived scheme to gain a greater footkilling of more than a thousand hold in Palestine by intensifying Jews and Arabs, the growth of ram- and exploiting Arab-Jewish differtition scheme.

Since the Arabs hold the key to mass-murder of six million Jews in the Near East, as well as its oil Nazi-Europe, President Roosevelt wealth, America—as British imperivoiced noble sentiments and even alism before it-plays ball with the called a conference to assist the re- Arab feudal rulers. This means maining DP's, but he did not let that there is place for only a small down the immigration barriers to and isolated Jewish settlement in Palestine, so far as the imperialist plans are concerned.

although a country as rich as the U.S. administration for the Jews-tion to foment ill-will and hatred stall for a whole period the gather-permit themselves to be caught in

of praise to the slaughterers.

In an excellent article in The Na- current armed conflict. East.

terfere with Britain.

The supposed friendship of the of the British colonial administra- Arabs; and could be used to fore- plain to the Jews why they must hot U. S. could assimilate several hun- which the Zionist leadership took between the Jews and Arabs. The ing of the revolutionary forces of the Palestinian trap.

Zionist leaders are only now becom- this by their chauvinistic policies: imperialist oppression. ing aware of this and are making Purchase of land for Jewish settleacterizes U. S. policy on Pal- ish masses of the recent events is panicky appearances before the UN, ment without regard for previous issuing statements, etc. The nar- Arab inhabitants; exclusion of Arabs rowness of vision of these men, their from work in Jewish enterprises; is clear: It will be in the forefront lack of realism and their complete organization of an exclusively Jew- of the struggle against partition, incapacity to serve as leaders of the ish trade union and labor move- for a united and independent Pal-Jewish people is evidenced by the ment, etc. From time to time— estine in which the masses will fact that they did not foresee the and usually at the instigation of the sovereignly decide their fate by the present development and permitted imperial power—these antagonisms election of a Constituent Assembly. themselves to be led like lambs to flared into armed clashes between Against the effendis and the agents the slaughter—while singing hymns the two peoples. This occurred in of imperialism, against the maneuv-1920, 1929, 1936 and now again in the ers of the Egyptian and Syrian rul-

pant charvinism on the part of ences. But the fierce struggle of facts and figures to prove that was Great Britain which lighted the pation into a war against the Jews both peoples, resulting in attempts the Arabs against partition presents "British and American oil interests match to the tinderbox. The de- —the Fourth International issues on both sides to raise international great dangers to the imperialists. mesh throughout the Middle East cline of British imperialism and the the call for the agrarian revolution, armies for the purpose of mutual That is why, after Truman's first and with them, military interests parallel strengthening of American for the anti-capitalist and anti-imhesitant steps which seemed to fav- as well." This means that with the imperialism has led to the emerg- perialist struggle—the essential drivor Zionist ambition, the monopoly exception of secondary differences ence of the U.S. as the dominant ing forces of the Arab revolution. oil interests stepped in and laid and instances in which Britain tries imperial power in the Middle East. But this struggle can be led only on down the line of dumping the par- to gain some concessions for herself And American imperialism has now condition that it take its stand unat the expense of her more powerful written the latest and one of the equivocally against the partition of rival, America and Britain are al- dirtiest pages in the annals of im- the country and against the establies in this period in the Middle perialist history in the Near East. lishment of a Jewish state. MUST OPPOSE PARTITION

The position of the Fourth Inter-

national on the Palestinian problem ing class, who attempt to divert the tion of Jan. 31, Lillie Shultz adduces Until the Second World War it struggle of the masses for emanci-

It is necessary at the same time This alliance gives rise to a divi- Today the fight against imperi- to call upon the American, British, sion of labor in which Britain openly alism and for freedom of Palestine Canadian, Australian workers—the sabotages the partition proposal, in- involves opposition to the imperi- workers of all countries—to struggle stigates warfare, arms Arabs and alist partition plan. Zionist sup- for the opening of the gates of their disarms Jews-while Wall Street port of partition is reactionary to countries to refugees, the DP's, to makes certain nothing is done to in- the core. It is imperative to oppose all the Jews who wish to emigrate. this set-up which would provoke It is only by leading this fight ef-It has been the consistent policy ceaseless struggle between Jews and fectively that one will be able to ex-